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1. The amendment filed on 25 April 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

The examiner would like to response to the comments on reasons for allowance, and the fact that the opaque marker is not located on the inside of the barrel. The examiner interpreted the ridge being located on the interior of the barrel wall to mean that the ridge was located on the inside of the barrel, and since the open end portion extended from the ridge and the open end portion consisted of the opaque band, that the opaque band must be located on the interior of the barrel wall, thus making the opaque band located on the inside of the barrel.



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